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A Proclamation for a General Fast.

I having been the commendable Practice of His Majesty's Government, and People of this Province, to begin the Year with a Day of solemn Fasting and Prayer, humbly and seriously to acknowledge our manifold Sins and Unworthiness, and most fervently to seek the Favour and Blessing of God, as well for our selves and our Nation, as the Church and People of God throughout the whole World.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, and at the Motion of the Representatives in their present Session, to appoint a General Fast to be observed throughout this Province, upon Thursday the 20th of April next, hereby strictly commanding all Servile Labour on the said Day, and exhorting both Ministers and People, in their publick Assemblies and private Devotions, religiously to observe the same, by offering up sincere and fervent Prayers for the Pardon of all our Sins, the turning away his Anger, and obtaining his Favour and Blessings both spiritual and temporal; in special, that the Life of our Sovereign Lord the King may be long and graciously continued, his sacred Person, and their Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, with the Kingdoms and Dominions under his Majesty's most happy Government preserved and blessed, his Councils and Administrations directed and improved; that His Majesty's Government

Conduct in all their publick Affairs, that God would graciously remember us as to the ensuing Year, in giving us a suitable Seed-time and plentiful Harvest, and seasonable Weather; that he would command his Blessings on our Husbandry, Merchandize, and Fishery, and all the Works of our Hands; that he would graciously continue Peace in our Borders, and Health in our Dwellings; but above all, that he would pour out his Spirit from on high upon this whole People, and make us a Mountain of Holiness, and an Habitation of Righteousness, and reform every thing that is amiss in the Midst of us; that we may find Grace in his Sight, and be prepared for a thankful Reception of the so desirable Favour; that the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ may be greatly enlarged, and established throughout the whole World.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the 10th Day of March, in the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. 1730.

S. Shute.

Copenhagen, June 7. The Ships bound for Iceland which the contrary Winds had detained some time in the Sound, are all sailed this Week, the Wind being Easterly. The Court is expected next Week at Fredericksberg, the Privy Council is now at Fredericksbourg, but is expected from thence To-Day. Several Changes in the Ministry are talked of, but as yet the Particulars are not certain. A good Number of Merchant-Ships are lately arrived here from Norway and other our adjacent Provinces. The two Russian Frigates sailed from hence this Week, and passed off of Elfenoe on the 6th, bending their Course towards the North-Sea. It is believed the Grand Review of the Foot Guards and other Regiments will be made the next Week. It is not yet determined when the Court will return to Copenhagen to conduct the Queen to the Palace; the Ladies of Honour who attended the late Queen have received the usual Presents annexed to that Station, and are returned to their respective Habitations, her present Majesty designing to make a new Choice of Ladies to attend on her Royal Person.

Hambourg, June 10. Letters from Brunswick of the 6th Instant say, that Count Golofskin arrived

there on the 4th Instant from Berlin, and the next Day he notified his Arrival to the Count de Metich, who immediately gave his Compliments by his Secretary, and afterwards waited upon him in Person. On the 6th Instant Count Golofskin returned the Visit to Count Metich, and staid in Conference with him above two Hours. It is believed however, that the Czarish Minister has no Design of continuing much time at Brunswick, because he has left the greatest part of his Domesticks and Baggage at Berlin. Count Welling has sent his Equipage to Wendhausen, to which Place he is advised by his Physicians to go for the Benefit of the Air, by reason of his lingering Indisposition. Letters from Brunswick confirm the Report of the Troops of Cassel being countermanded at the King of Sweden's Request from their March to Pomerania, which Particular adds to the Probability of an approaching Agreement between that Crown and Muscovy. Count Welling has declared that the Czar shows a much greater Disposition at present towards an Accommodation with Sweden than he has done of late. M. Koepfhorff, the Duke of Holstein's Grand Chamberlain who arrived here the last Week, is supposed to be sent hither on Affairs relating to his Master's Finances; but others imagine he is somewhat out of the Duke's Favour. The last Advices from Sweden say, that the Wind having turned fair, the British and Swedish Fleets were daily expected at Stockholm; that Letters were arrived from the Plenipotentiaries at Neustadt, where it was conjectured the Negotiations would considerably advance as soon as Baron d'Ollerman arrived there. Letters from Riga affirm the Departure of Baron Ollerman from thence for Neustadt on the 25th of the last Month, in order conjointly with General Bruce, to resume

den; and that there is great Probability of the Peace being concluded, because it is said Sweden will yield the Possession of Revel to the Czar, upon certain Conditions. His Czarish Majesty is not yet quite recovered of his Indisposition, caused in a great Measure by a violent Cold he received at the time he exposed himself in giving Orders for extinguishing the late Fire, which has entirely consumed the Church of St. Peter at Riga. Advices from Copenhagen of the 7th Instant say, the Queen of Denmark would shortly be crowned in Publick, and afterwards make a Magnificent Entry to Copenhagen.

Brussels, June 10. Advices from Brussels say, that the States Minister there continues his pressing Instances to the Marquess de Polak to dissuade him from obliging Ships from Holland to perform Quarantains: The utmost Precautions against Infection being already taken in these Countries, the World will infer the Quarantain in the Netherlands must proceed from a different Motive than that of the Plague; and it is to be feared that the great Damage done thereby to Trade may probably be attended with Consequences too pernicious to be easily remedied afterwards. It is also remarked, that the Marquess does not seem to insist so strongly on a Quarantain as he used to do; and though he alledges in his present Answers, that the Italian Princes and States frequently impose their Quarantains, and perhaps prejudicially to the Trade of the Empire, without the Matter being found so strange as the Quarantain in the Netherlands is represented to be, still it is not discerned that there are as yet any Steps actually taken towards a Quarantain; it is also reckoned, that there are no Places convenient for its Observance. It is said that the three Ships that lately arrived at Offend from the East Indies, brought a vast Quantity of Indian Commodities, but especially Tea; which being originally purchased at 20 per Cent dearer Price than formerly, 'tis likely the Proprietors of the Cargoes are no great Gainers by their Traffick. Advices from Spain say, the States Minister at that Court has at length received Assurances that the Difficulties in Trade complained of shall be rectified. It is reckoned that if the intended Reform of the Troops in these Countries takes Place, at 'tis very likely it may, an annual Saving of 320000 Florins will be gained by it.

Berlin, June 10.

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